

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Prescription Drugs  
&  
Over-The-Counter (OTC) Drugs

# Prescription Drugs & OTC Drugs

- People use drugs in both responsible and irresponsible ways.
- Responsible use is the correct use of legal drugs to promote health and well-being.
- It is ok to take prescription drugs and OTC drugs in the amounts described by a physician or for its intended purpose

# How Does It Enter The Body?

- By mouth – most common
- By Injection – using a syringe or needle
- By inhalation – through the nose or mouth
- By absorption - skin patch
- By implantation -

# What to know about Prescription Drugs

- Contains patient's name
- Name of the drug
- The form of the drug (pills or liquid)
- The dosage level
- Directions for use
- Physician's name, address, phone & signature
- DEA Registration
- Refill instructions

# What to know about OTC Drugs

- Can be purchased without a prescription
- Available without doctor's directions
- Used to relieve signs or symptoms of an illness
  - Indication for use.
- Must have a label (by the FDA)
- Has a 'tamper-resistant' seal on it.

